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WELLESLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16, 2007 – The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant ("WMLP") has earned the American Public Power Association's Electric Utility Safety Award for safe operating practices in 2006. The utility earned a 1st place award in the category for utilities with 75,000 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. John Twitty, Chair of the APPA Board of Directors, presented the award on April 16, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Atlanta, GA.

"Implementing safe utility practices requires the commitment and hard work of the entire utility," said Twitty, General Manager of City Utilities of Springfield, MO. "This collaborative effort to ensure the safety of employees is well demonstrated by these recognized utilities".

More than 275 utilities entered the annual contest. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2006. The incidence rate, used to judge contest entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2006, as defined by the Occupational Safety and health Administration ("OSHA").

"We're very proud of our safety record. It's a reflection of trained and skilled employees who are committed to the highest standards of public service," said Don Newell, Electric Superintendent of WMLP. The WMLP has a long-standing goal of working 1,000 consecutive days without experiencing a "Lost Time Accident". According to Jim Verner, WMLP Line Supervisor, that could take place on June 27, 2008 with a little luck and a lot of dedication and pride.